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DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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